

# This is durham

A county with breathtaking dales, a dramatic coastline,  
a vale steeped in history and a vibrant city at its heart.

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27/6/2025 till 27/6/2025  
12/9/2025 till 12/9/2025

## **Ladies Opens - Brancepeth Castle Golf Club**

Open events at Brancepeth are extremely popular and usually sell out very quickly as they attract visitors from all over the North of England and beyond. We pride ourselves in making everyone's visit to our golf course memorable by delivering quality throughout the entire day in all our operations.

[enquiries@brancepeth-castle-golf.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@brancepeth-castle-golf.co.uk)

<https://brancepeth-castle-golf.co.uk/golf-open-competitions-in-north-east/>

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Brancepeth Castle Golf Club , Brancepeth, Durham, County Durham, DH7 8EA

27/6/2025 till 27/6/2025  
25/7/2025 till 25/7/2025  
29/8/2025 till 29/8/2025

## **LGBTQIA+ Tour**

Explore the Bowes' collection in a captivating new tour for 2025, highlighting a selection of objects and artworks with LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual) stories spanning from Ancient Greece to the 20th century, including iconic pieces and hidden gems alike.

[hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk](mailto:hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk)

<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/lgbtqia-tour/>

+44 01833690606

The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP

27/6/2025 till 27/6/2025

## **Proms at the Palace**

Join us for an unforgettable evening of music at the iconic Auckland Palace Gardens.

[enquiries@aucklandproject.org](mailto:enquiries@aucklandproject.org)

<https://aucklandproject.org/event/proms-at-the-palace/>

+44 01388 743750

Auckland Palace & Gardens , Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NR

27/6/2025 till 27/6/2025

## **Writing Workshop with Bob Beagrie - RSPB Saltholme**

Saltholme is a wildlife oasis, with wildflower meadows, bird-rich pools and lakes, and whispering grasslands to explore. An ideal location for an informal, fun and inspiring

[saltholme@rspb.org.uk](mailto:saltholme@rspb.org.uk)

<https://events.rspb.org.uk/events/118310>

writing workshop with award winning and widely published poet Dr Bob Beagrie.

RSPB Saltholme , Seaton Carew Road, Port Clarence, Middlesbrough, , TS2 1TU

+44 01642 546625

28/6/2025 till 28/6/2025

**Big Bang: A Summer Space Day - Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens**

On Saturday 28 June 2025, prepare for lift-off! Ushaw is blasting into orbit for a one-day cosmic celebration of science, space and summer fun like no other.

[meet@ushaw.org](mailto:meet@ushaw.org)

<https://ushaw.org/whatson/big-bang-a-summer-space-day/>

Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens, Woodland Road, Durham, County Durham, DH7 7DW

+44 0191 373 8500

28/6/2025 till 28/6/2025

**Bowburn Medal and Militaria Fair - Bowburn Community Association**

A wide choice of medals, uniforms, headgear, swords, bayonets, daggers, badges, accoutrements, military postcards, etc. The ideal meeting place for enthusiasts with common interests in a friendly atmosphere.

[david.douglas500@btinternet.com](mailto:david.douglas500@btinternet.com)

[https://evvnt.com/events/?\\_ev\\_id=2993439](https://evvnt.com/events/?_ev_id=2993439)

Bowburn Community Association, Durham Road, Durham, County Durham , DH6 5AT

+44 07796758974

28/6/2025 till 28/6/2025

**Durham Constabulary MVC and The Rainbow Singers**

Durham Constabulary MVC Are delighted to announce a joint concert with The Rainbow Singers.

+44 (0)1384 882999

Coxhoe Village Hall , Front Street East, Coxhoe, Durham, County Durham, DH6 4DB

28/6/2025 till 28/6/2025

**Members Invitation Day - Ramside Hall Hotel, Golf and Spa**

Betterball Pairs. Prince Bishops, White Tees. Entry Fee £20 per pair. Each team must include one member and one non-member, non-member must have an active WHS number. Handicap Allowance 85%. Check in at Golf Reception.

[proshop@ramsidehallhotel.co.uk](mailto:proshop@ramsidehallhotel.co.uk)

<https://ramsidehall.intelligentgolf.co.uk/competition2.php?tab=details&compid=1077>

Ramside Golf Club, Carrville, Durham, County Durham, DH1 1TD

+44 0191 386 9514

28/6/2025 till 28/6/2025

**Merryoaks Market - Merryoaks Community Hall**

A mixture of crafts and preloved bargains along with hot drinks and snacks and a warm welcome. We will also have facility for electrical testing small items. Come and join us!

[susan.walker@lowesbarncp.org.uk](mailto:susan.walker@lowesbarncp.org.uk)

[https://evvnt.com/events/?\\_evDiscoveryPath=/event/3095483-merryoaks-market](https://evvnt.com/events/?_evDiscoveryPath=/event/3095483-merryoaks-market)

Merryoaks Community Hall, Park House Road, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3QF

+44 07557978580

28/6/2025 till 28/6/2025	<b>National Crime Reading Month - Sam Frances</b> Join Sam Frances for a talk about her thrilling debut crime novel, the first instalment in the DS Alice Washington series.	chesterlest.lib@durham.gov.uk
	Chester-le-Street, Station Road, Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 3BP	+44 0300 026 9512
28/6/2025 till 28/6/2025	<b>P'ungmul Music Performance and Family Activities at The Oriental Museum</b> Experience a FREE South Korean drumming performance presented by students from the Durham University P'ungmul Society and try writing a secret code in Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs.	oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk  <a href="https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/06/pungmul-music-performance-and-family-activities/">https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/06/pungmul-music-performance-and-family-activities/</a>
	Durham University Oriental Museum, Elvet Hill, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 3TH	+44 0191 334 5691
26/6/2025 till 28/6/2025	<b>Railway 200 Exhibition: Blood, Bone &amp; Muscle</b> Shildon didn't have the money or influence to feature in the name of the Stockton & Darlington Railway – but it was in exactly the right place to become its industrial operating powerhouse.	enquiries@shildonrailway.institute  <a href="https://railway200.co.uk/activity/rail-bicentenary-exhibition-blood-bone-muscle/">https://railway200.co.uk/activity/rail-bicentenary-exhibition-blood-bone-muscle/</a>
	Shildon Railway Institute, 78 Redworth Road, Shildon, County Durham , DL4 2JJ	+44 01388 772942
28/6/2025 till 28/6/2025 26/7/2025 till 26/7/2025 30/8/2025 till 30/8/2025	<b>Riverbanks History Walk - Durham Cathedral</b> Discover the hidden history of the woods and riverbanks that form the spectacular setting for the cathedral. Explore their historic features and trace their change from defensive site to Victorian pleasure garden on this 1.5-mile-long walk.	visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk  <a href="https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173625553">https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173625553</a>
	Durham Cathedral, The Cathedral Office, The College, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3EH	+44 0191 374 4069
28/6/2025 till 28/6/2025	<b>The Barricade Boys – West End Party at Auckland Palace</b> Direct from London, these four dazzling performers are taking the world by storm. From the heart-wrenching emotion of Les Misérables to the toe-tapping harmonies of the Jersey Boys, The Barricade Boys will take you on a musical journey like no other.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org  <a href="https://aucklandproject.org/event/the-barricade-boys-west-end-party/">https://aucklandproject.org/event/the-barricade-boys-west-end-party/</a>
	Auckland Palace & Gardens , Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NR	+44 01388 743750
28/6/2025 till 28/6/2025	<b>Tipi Open Evening - Lumley Castle Hotel</b> Be among the first to experience our magical tipi set-up — rustic, atmospheric, and	events@lumleycastle.com

	made for nights to remember!	<a href="https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/?category=984">https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/?category=984</a>
	Lumley Castle Hotel , Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 4NX	+44 0191 389 1111
28/6/2025 till 28/6/2025	<b>Walking with the Ghosts of Durham</b> Join the Ghost Whisperer for a guided walk around the city of Durham revealing some of the history and ghosts from Durham's dark past.	durhamghostwhisperer@yahoo.com  +44 07939 419474
	, Durham City, County Durham ,	
28/6/2025 till 28/6/2025	<b>Women of Raby Tour - Raby Castle, Park and Gardens</b> This exclusive event at Raby Castle highlights stories of some of the fascinating women who once walked our halls.	admin@raby.co.uk  <a href="https://www.raby.co.uk/events/women-of-raby-tour-june/">https://www.raby.co.uk/events/women-of-raby-tour-june/</a>
	Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	+44 01833 660202
29/6/2025 till 29/6/2025	<b>An Afternoon at the Movies with the DMA Band</b> Join us for a spectacular afternoon of cinematic splendour at our Movies-Themed Concert! This special event will transport audiences through the magic of the silver screen with stirring renditions of iconic film scores and beloved movie themes.	contact@durhamminersband.co.uk  +44 0191 3233658
	Redhills: Durham Miners Hall, Flass St, Durham, County Durham, DH1 4BE	
29/6/2025 till 29/6/2025	<b>Classic Car Show - Raby Castle, Park and Gardens</b> In an exciting collaboration between Raby and Durham Automobile Club, visitors can expect to see a stunning selection of Classic Cars. Whether you are a car enthusiast or simply looking for a fun day out, join us in the Deer Park to enjoy a car spectacle.	admin@raby.co.uk  <a href="https://www.raby.co.uk/events/classic-car-show/">https://www.raby.co.uk/events/classic-car-show/</a>
	Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	+44 01833 660202
29/6/2025 till 29/6/2025	<b>Durham Coast Half Marathon</b> Trail Outlaws presents the Durham Coastal Trail Half Marathon. This race was previously hosted by the National Trust and is a very popular and challenging half marathon. Set on the scenic Durham Coastal Path. Whether you are starting out on the trails for the first time, or wanting to race this course for an event PB, this is for you.	info@trailoutlaws.com  <a href="https://durhamcoastal.co.uk/durham-coastal">https://durhamcoastal.co.uk/durham-coastal</a>

Noses Point , East Cliff Road, Dawdon, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7PS

8/2/2025 till 29/6/2025

**From Joséphine Bowes Trendsetters and Trailblazers - The Bowes Museum**  
Celebrating the 200th anniversary and artistic vision of museum co-founder, Joséphine Bowes.

hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk

<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/from-josephine-bowes/>

The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP

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29/6/2025 till 29/6/2025  
30/6/2025 till 4/7/2025  
5/7/2025 till 5/7/2025

**Loot by Joe Orton: A Comedy**

Burying Mrs McLeavy should be a dignified affair, so how does a stash of cash come into proceedings?

la\_510@hotmail.com

<http://www.durhamcitytheatre.co.uk>

The City Theatre, Back Silver Street, Fowlers Yard, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3RA

+44 03000266600

29/6/2025 till 29/6/2025

**Skiffle Session & Uke Club - Beamish - The Living Museum of the North**

Join us for an afternoon of skiffle music in the 1950s welfare hall! Enjoy our own band, Hop, Skiffle and Jump performing from 12pm until 1pm, followed by our Uke Club from 1.15pm until 2.15pm where you can develop your ukulele skills.

museum@beamish.org.uk

<https://www.beamish.org.uk/whats-on/>

+44 0191 370 4000

Beamish - The Living Museum of the North , Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG

27/6/2025 till 29/6/2025

**Sons and Daughters of Leadgate Exhibition**

Sons and Daughters of Leadgate, is a photographic exhibition by Consett in Focus Group.

Consettinfocus@gmail.com

+44 07712 353721

St Ives Church, St Ives Road, Leadgate, Consett, County Durham, DH8 7TS

1/5/2025 till 30/6/2025

**Deadly Beauty from the Medicine Box Trail - The Bowes Museum**

Embark on a journey through The Bowes Museum's galleries to learn about blood-curdling botanicals and tragic tales of the past.

hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk

<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/>

The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP

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30/6/2025 till 30/6/2025

**National Crime Reading Month - Sam Frances**

Join Sam Frances for a talk about her thrilling debut crime novel, the first instalment in the DS Alice Washington series.

DurhamClayportLibrary@durham.gov.uk

	Durham Clayport Library , Millennium Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 1WA	+44 0300 026 5524
1/7/2025 till 1/7/2025	<b>Raby Through the Lens</b> Join us for Raby Through The Lens, a relaxed and welcoming photography social held on the first Tuesday of every month.	admin@raby.co.uk  <a href="https://www.raby.co.uk/events/raby-through-the-lens/">https://www.raby.co.uk/events/raby-through-the-lens/</a>
	Raby Castle, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	+44 01833 660202
1/7/2025 till 1/7/2025	<b>Shakespeare in Love - Whorlton Village Green</b> The Castle Players invite you to experience a heartwarming tale of love, theatre, and passion!	gordon.duffymcghie@castleplayers.co.uk  +44 07584908761
	Whorlton Village Green, Whorlton, County Durham, DL12 8XG	
1/7/2025 till 1/7/2025	<b>Tipi Wedding Showcase - Lumley Castle</b> Are you engaged and still looking for the perfect venue? Come and experience the magic of our Summer Tipi!	weddings@lumleycastle.com  <a href="https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/?category=984">https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/?category=984</a>
	Lumley Castle Hotel , Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 4NX	+44 0191 389 1111
2/7/2025 till 2/7/2025 1/10/2025 till 1/10/2025	<b>Wedding Fayres &amp; Open Evenings at South Causey Inn</b> South Causey Inn in County Durham offers a unique and picturesque setting, with four distinct venues to choose from. Whether you prefer a small, intimate ceremony or a grand celebration, South Causey Inn can tailor your wedding to your specific style and personality.	weddings@southcausey.co.uk  <a href="https://southcausey.co.uk/weddings/south-causey-inn-wedding-fayre/#gsc.tab=0">https://southcausey.co.uk/weddings/south-causey-inn-wedding-fayre/#gsc.tab=0</a>
	South Causey Inn , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0LS	+44 01207 235555
30/6/2025 till 3/7/2025	<b>County Durham Golf Trail 2025</b> The County Durham Golf Trail is taking place again in 2025 – it will run from Mon June 30th to Thurs July 3rd.	countydurhamgolftail@outlook.com  <a href="https://www.cdgt.co.uk/">https://www.cdgt.co.uk/</a>
	Beamish, South Moor, Blackwell Grange and Brancepeth Castle , , County Durham,	+44 07979823899
3/7/2025 till 3/7/2025	<b>Shakespeare in Love - Mickleton Village Hall</b> The Castle Players invite you to experience a heartwarming tale of love, theatre, and passion!	gordon.duffymcghie@castleplayers.co.uk

	Mickleton Village Hall, Mickleton, County Durham, DL12 0JR	+44 01325 469891
13/6/2025 till 5/7/2025 12/7/2025 till 12/7/2025 22/8/2025 till 22/8/2025	<b>GOING BACK BROCKENS: Monuments and Rhetoric After the Miners' Strike</b> Opening on Friday 13 June at The Warehouse in Newgate Centre, Bishop Auckland, GOING BACK BROCKENS: Monuments and Rhetoric After the Miners' Strike, is a three-part exhibition across County Durham that sees North East artist Narbi Price and writer Mark Hudson explore the post-strike landscape of County Durham through a series of paintings and an accompanying sound installation.	<a href="https://nomorenowt.org/big-projects/going-back-brockens">https://nomorenowt.org/big-projects/going-back-brockens</a>
	The Warehouse, Newgate Centre, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7JQ	
3/6/2025 till 12/7/2025	<b>Pool - EDAN Art Gallery</b> The word 'Pool' has a range of what appear to be very different meanings although they are all related through some notion of 'coming together and sharing'. We can think of anything from pools of water, through pooled gambling 'The Pools', shared resources among a specific group (a clothing pool?)	edanart@live.com  <a href="https://www.edanart.co.uk/event-details/pool">https://www.edanart.co.uk/event-details/pool</a>
	The EDAN Gallery , 74 Church Street, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7HF	+44 0191 649 9431
2/5/2025 till 18/7/2025	<b>Dead Dog Gallery Exhibition Preview: Maria Cooper - Colour, Print and Motion</b> Maria Cooper is a printed textile artist and designer based in County Durham. A graduate of both the Royal College of Art and the Northern School of Art, her practice is deeply rooted in the materiality of textiles, handcrafted processes and the expressive potential of colour.	info@deaddoggallery.co.uk  +44 0191 383 0708
	Dead Dog Gallery at Durham Sixth Form Centre, The Sands, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 1SG	
11/6/2025 till 18/7/2025	<b>Vitality Blast 2025 Fixtures</b> Vitality Blast T20 from Wednesday, 11 June 2025 to Friday, 18 July 2025 at BANKS Homes Riverside.	box.office@durhamcricket.co.uk  <a href="https://tickets.durhamcricket.co.uk/content">https://tickets.durhamcricket.co.uk/content</a>
	Durham Cricket, Banks Homes Riverside, Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 3QR	+44 0191 387 1717
1/7/2025 till 28/7/2025	<b>Janice Hutchinson - Durham University Botanic Garden</b> Janice Hutchinson, a local artist based in County Durham, resides with her husband Ian, who recently retired from Durham University. She draws inspiration from the beautiful landscapes, meadows, pastures and coastline of the area.	botanic.bookings@durham.ac.uk  <a href="https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/venues/botanic-garden/whats-on/exhibitions/">https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/venues/botanic-garden/whats-on/exhibitions/</a>

	Durham University Botanic Garden, Hollingside Lane, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3TN	+44 0191 334 5524
10/2/2025 till 31/7/2025	<p><b>S&amp;DR200 - Invention Challenge</b>  S&amp;DR200 and Little Inventors are celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway with the S&amp;DR Invention Challenge, inviting Year 5–8 students from Stockton, Darlington, and Durham to reimagine the 4,000 miles of disused train tracks in the UK.</p> <p>Various locations , , County Durham ,</p>	<a href="http://www.sdr200.co.uk/programme">http://www.sdr200.co.uk/programme</a>
3/7/2025 till 14/8/2025	<p><b>Knight of Knowledge - Tipi at Lumley Castle Hotel</b>  Think you've got what it takes to be the local quiz champ? Grab your team and prove it at our brand new Resident Quiz Night in The Tipi– now happening every Thursday, 7pm-10pm!</p> <p>Tipi at Lumley Castle Hotel , Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 4NX</p>	<p><a href="mailto:events@lumleycastle.com">events@lumleycastle.com</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/?category=984">https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/?category=984</a></p> <p>+44 0191 389 1111</p>
2/6/2025 till 30/8/2025	<p><b>Brick Flicks - Bishop Auckland Town Hall</b>  From Wayne's World to West Side Story, The Matrix to Mary Poppins, and Laurel &amp; Hardy to Life of Pi, see classic movies in LEGO® bricks in this exhibition of some of the most iconic and memorable film moments of all time recreated by Warren Elsmore, the well-known artist in LEGO bricks</p> <p>Bishop Auckland Town Hall , Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NP</p>	<p><a href="mailto:contactbath@durham.gov.uk">contactbath@durham.gov.uk</a></p> <p><a href="https://bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk/gallery/current-exhibition/">https://bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk/gallery/current-exhibition/</a></p> <p>+44 03000 269 524</p>
1/7/2025 till 31/8/2025	<p><b>Exhibition Celebrating 60 Years of the Pennine Way - A Trail of Inspiration</b>  Throughout 2025 there will be a rolling exhibition along the trail - showcasing how people have been inspired by the Pennine Way and inspiring others to get out and walk a bit (or even all!) of the route.</p> <p>Bowlees Visitor Centre, Bowlees, Newbiggin, County Durham , DL12 0XE</p>	<p><a href="mailto:visitbowlees@northpennines.org.uk">visitbowlees@northpennines.org.uk</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en_GB/pennine-way-at-60/">https://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en_GB/pennine-way-at-60/</a></p> <p>+44 01833 622145</p>



1/3/2025 till 31/8/2025	<p><b>S&amp;DR200 - Memory of a Journey</b>  Various locations throughout March to August 2025 S&amp;DR200 Presents: Trains have been part of our lives for 200 years. This project is a participation project that encourages visitors to reminisce about a journey that they remember.</p> <p>Various locations , , County Durham ,</p>	<p><a href="https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16698/Memory-of-a-Journey">https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16698/Memory-of-a-Journey</a></p>
28/6/2025 till 31/8/2025	<p><b>The Wonderful World of the Ladybird Book Artists - Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens</b>  The Wonderful World of the Ladybird Book Artists. This summer, see The Wonderful World of the Ladybird Book Artists in our family-focused exhibition which celebrates the art of the Ladybird book artists from the 1940s to the 1970s.</p> <p>Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens, Woodland Road, Durham, County Durham, DH7 7DW</p>	<p><a href="mailto:meet@ushaw.org">meet@ushaw.org</a></p> <p><a href="https://ushaw.org/whatson/the-wonderful-world-of-the-ladybird-book-artists/">https://ushaw.org/whatson/the-wonderful-world-of-the-ladybird-book-artists/</a></p> <p>+44 0191 373 8500</p>
24/5/2025 till 14/9/2025	<p><b>Weaving Stories: From Community Hands and Hearts</b>  Spanning generations and cultures, each group explored a different part of the museum's collection and responded through collage, painting, textiles, poetry, printmaking, and interactive installations. Their artworks reflect personal stories, cultural connections, and new ways of seeing the past.</p> <p>Durham University Oriental Museum , Elvet Hill, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3TH</p>	<p><a href="mailto:oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk">oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/05/weaving-stories/">https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/05/weaving-stories/</a></p> <p>+44 0191 334 5691</p>
1/6/2025 till 30/9/2025	<p><b>S&amp;DR200 Public Art Commissions at Locomotion</b>  As part of the S&amp;DR200 celebrations, two special public art installations will be unveiled in 2025, each capturing a unique story of the Stockton &amp; Darlington Railway's legacy and its connection to the community.</p> <p>Locomotion, Shildon and Stockton, Shildon, County Durham , DL4 2RE</p>	<p><a href="https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/17017/Public-Art-Commissions">https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/17017/Public-Art-Commissions</a></p>
1/6/2025 till 30/9/2025	<p><b>S&amp;DR200: Tracks of Change</b>  Following a major redevelopment, Preston Park will open its new exhibition space with Tracks of Change, a series of exhibitions exploring the impact and legacy of the Stockton &amp; Darlington Railway.</p> <p>Preston Park Museum &amp; Grounds, Yarm Road, Stockton on Tees, Tees Valley, TS18 3RH</p>	<p><a href="https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/17222/What-s-on">https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/17222/What-s-on</a></p>

27/6/2025 till 1/10/2025	<b>Railway 200: Exhibition Train - Inspiration</b> Welcome to Inspiration. Discover the past, present and future of railways on our incredible exhibition train Inspiration, touring Britain from 27th June 2025.  Various stops nationwide , Durham stop: Locomotion, , County Durham ,	<a href="https://railway200.co.uk/inspiration/">https://railway200.co.uk/inspiration/</a>
17/2/2025 till 20/10/2025	<b>Live Music at Crook Hall Gardens</b> Local musicians Julie and William bring an extra dimension to the historic gardens and hall with live performances on the third Monday of each month.  Crook Hall Gardens, Sidegate , , County Durham , DH1 5SZ	<a href="https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/b6a007ba-45a4-4f99-adc0-1101039edf2a">https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/b6a007ba-45a4-4f99-adc0-1101039edf2a</a>
25/6/2025 till 22/10/2025	<b>Organ Recital Series 2025 - Durham Cathedral</b> Organ Recital Series 2025. Fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm.  Durham Cathedral, The Cathedral Office, The College, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3EH	<a href="mailto:visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk">visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk</a>  <a href="https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173659739">https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173659739</a>  +44 0191 374 4069
15/4/2025 till 28/10/2025	<b>History of Durham City Walk at Crook Hall Gardens</b> A guided walk from Crook Hall Gardens delving into the history of Durham.  Start: Crook Hall Gardens, Sidegate , , County Durham , DH1 5SZ	<a href="mailto:crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk">crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk</a>  <a href="https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/3526cd84-7f98-4c9c-9b98-353a446e34de">https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/3526cd84-7f98-4c9c-9b98-353a446e34de</a>  +44 0191 383 1832
16/4/2025 till 29/10/2025	<b>Crook Hall Gardens Tour: History and Literary Links</b> Step into Crook Hall Gardens' past on a guided tour.  Crook Hall Gardens, Sidegate , , County Durham , DH1 5SZ	<a href="mailto:crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk">crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk</a>  <a href="https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/ed7040aa-6555-4ed6-acaa-87904fc0b79f">https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/ed7040aa-6555-4ed6-acaa-87904fc0b79f</a>  +44 0191 383 1832
7/5/2025 till 29/10/2025	<b>GNB - 61 Durham Weekly Market</b> 61 Weekly Market, every Wednesday.	<a href="mailto:Gnbeventsuk45@outlook.com">Gnbeventsuk45@outlook.com</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/share/18bPNz8dE8/">https://www.facebook.com/share/18bPNz8dE8/</a>

61 Durham , High Pittington, County Durham, DH6 1AB

+44 07425 610845

28/6/2025 till 31/10/2025  
3/7/2025 till 29/10/2025

**S&DR200: Coal, Canals and Carriages: The Story of Raby and the Railways**  
Raby Castle will celebrate the year with stories associated with 19th-century inventions, including the reactions of landowners and farmers to trains, as well as how travel evolved into a privilege for the upper classes from their collections.

admin@raby.co.uk

<https://www.raby.co.uk/events/the-story-of-raby-and-the-railways/>

Raby Castle, Staindrop, County Durham , DL2 3AH

14/6/2025 till 2/11/2025

**Beasts and Legends: Adventures Through North East Folklore**  
This family friendly exhibition features a selection of artefacts from across the Durham University collections to help tell the stories of local folktales.

pg.library@durham.ac.uk

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/06/beasts-and-legends-exhibition/>

Palace Green Library , Palace Green, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3RN

+44 0191 334 2932

4/4/2025 till 2/11/2025

**Binding the Bard - Palace Green Library**  
An exhibition of the entrants to our international bookbinding competition.

pg.library@durham.ac.uk

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/04/binding-the-bard/>

Palace Green Library , Palace Green, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3RN

+44 0191 334 2932

4/4/2025 till 2/11/2025

**Shakespeare Recovered: Durham's First Folio - Palace Green Library**  
This year, our iconic book takes centre stage at Palace Green Library.

pg.library@durham.ac.uk

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/04/shakespeare-are-recovered/>

Palace Green Library , Durham, County Durham, DH1 3RN

+44 0191 334 2932

13/6/2025 till 9/11/2025

**Enchanted Objects: Adornment and Personal Protection from Amulets to the Mobile Phone**  
Contemporary artist Dinah Kelly shines a light on the protective powers and symbolism of charms, talismans and amulets.

oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/06/enchanted-objects-/>

Durham University Oriental Musuem, Elvet Hill, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 3TH

+44 0191 334 5691

25/3/2025 till 25/11/2025

**S&DR200 - The Whistle Stop**

This bespoke touring library exhibition will travel round the region and showcases the Stockton and Darlington Railway's history using high-quality reproductions of important artefacts and documents found and brought together from archives across the UK.

<https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16712/The-Whistle-Stop>

Various locations , , County Durham ,

23/4/2025 till 30/11/2025

**Railway 200: Guided Tours of Stockton and Darlington Railway**

To celebrate Railway 200, I am available to offer guided tours of the line by coach, bicycle or walking together with the opportunity of visiting the fabulous museums of Locomotion in Shildon, HopeTown in Darlington and Preston Park in Stockton.

<https://railway200.co.uk/activity/guided-tours-of-stockton-and-darlington-railway/>

Locomotion, Dale Road, Shildon, County Durham , DL4 2RE

1/3/2025 till 30/11/2025

**S&DR200 - Festival Fringe**

The Fringe Festival will include events created by community organisations, local businesses and heritage partners.

<https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/17187/S-DR200-Fringe>

Various locations , , County Durham ,

1/3/2025 till 30/11/2025

**S&DR200 Festival**

The 27 September 2025 marks the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Stockton and Darlington Railway (S&DR), which gave birth to the modern railway. To celebrate this landmark anniversary, the nine-month S&DR200 Festival will take place across Durham and Tees Valley from March to November 2025.

<http://www.sdr200.co.uk/programme>

Various locations , , County Durham ,

22/3/2025 till 20/12/2025

**Middleton-in-Teesdale Farmers Market**

March to December, traditional Farmers Market in an all-weather, undercover auction mart. Free Entry. Free Parking. Dog Friendly. 40+ Fabulous Foodie Traders every month.

[middletonteesdalefm@gmail.com](mailto:middletonteesdalefm@gmail.com)

+44 07943 636202

Middleton Auction Mart, Middleton-in-Teesdale, County Durham, DL12 0PJ

27/6/2025 till 21/12/2025	<b>S&amp;DR200 - Fuelling the Railway Revolution</b> This special exhibition explores the inextricable link between coal mining and the railways.	<a href="https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16719/Fuelling-the-Railway-Revolution">https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16719/Fuelling-the-Railway-Revolution</a>
	The Mining Art Gallery, 45 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NP	
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>Barnard Castle Farmers' Market</b> Barnard Castle Farmers' Market is one of the North East's most popular markets featuring a wide range of artisan food and crafts from the region. Open 9:00 to 14:00 on the first Saturday of each month.	barnardcastlefarmersmarket@gmail.com  <a href="http://www.barnardcastlefarmersmarket.co.uk/">http://www.barnardcastlefarmersmarket.co.uk/</a>
	The Cobbles , Horsemarket, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8LY	
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>Barnard Castle Market</b> Stroll through the stalls, savour delicious local treats, and soak up the friendly atmosphere. Every Wednesday 8.00am to 16.30	market@barnardcastletowncouncil.gov.uk  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BarneyWednesdayMarket/">https://www.facebook.com/BarneyWednesdayMarket/</a>
	Marketplace, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NF	+44 (0)1833 690970
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>Bishop Auckland Market</b> Stroll through the stalls, savour delicious local treats, and soak up the friendly atmosphere. Every Thursday and Saturday 8:00-17:00	ehcp@durham.gov.uk  <a href="https://www.durham.gov.uk/markets">https://www.durham.gov.uk/markets</a>
	Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NP	+44 (0)3000 261 016
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>Consett Market</b> Stroll through the stalls, savour delicious local treats, and soak up the friendly atmosphere. Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8:00-16:00	ehcp@durham.gov.uk  <a href="https://www.durham.gov.uk/markets">https://www.durham.gov.uk/markets</a>
	Middle Street, Consett, County Durham, DH8 5QP	+44 (0)771 416 9208
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>Durham Food Producers' and Crafters' Market</b> Durham's Food Producers' and Crafters' Market is now on the first Thursday of each month – open from 9am until 4.30pm, or until stock has sold out.	info@durhammarkets.co.uk  <a href="http://www.durhammarkets.co.uk">http://www.durhammarkets.co.uk</a>
	Market Place, Durham city, County Durham, DH1 3NJ	+44 0191 384 6153

1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>Guided Walks for Groups - RSPB Saltholme</b> Want to get more out of your visit to RSPB Saltholme? We offer group guided walks! We can tailor the walk route and topic(s) to suit your group.	saltholme@rspb.org.uk <a href="https://events.rspb.org.uk/events/108311">https://events.rspb.org.uk/events/108311</a>
	RSPB Saltholme , Seaton Carew Road, Port Clarence, Middlesbrough, , TS2 1TU	+44 01642 546625
1/5/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>LGBTQIA+ Object Trail - The Bowes Museum</b> Explore The Bowes Museum's collection through a different lens and learn about the stories and emotions objects hold through the lived experiences of those who identify as LGBTQIA+.	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk <a href="https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/">https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/</a>
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	+44 01833690606
1/5/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>Parkland Play - The Bowes Museum</b> Explore the museum with our spotting and drawing activities and enjoy our outside spaces with the Pocket Parkland Playbook, specially designed to help you get creative with the natural materials around you. All available from reception.	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk <a href="https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/">https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/</a>
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	+44 01833690606
17/5/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>Pockerley 30th Anniversary Celebrations at Beamish</b> To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the opening of Pockerley Old Hall, the museum will hold 30 activities at Pockerley between 17th May and 31st December 2025.	museum@beamish.org.uk <a href="https://www.beamish.org.uk/events/pockerley-30/">https://www.beamish.org.uk/events/pockerley-30/</a>
	Beamish, The Living Museum of the North , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0RG	+44 0191 370 4000
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>Saturday Outdoor Market</b> Every Saturday, the Market Place is transformed by up to 30 small independent traders...it becomes a traditional, bustling, fresh air market and a great shopping experience.	info@durhammarkets.co.uk <a href="https://durhammarkets.co.uk/saturday-outdoor-market/">https://durhammarkets.co.uk/saturday-outdoor-market/</a>
	Durham Market Hall, Market Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ	+44 0191 384 6153
15/2/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>S&amp;DR200 - Railway Firsts at Locomotion</b> Home to one of largest collections of historic rail vehicles in the world, Locomotion is pulling out all the stops to commemorate S&DR200.	<a href="http://www.sdr200.co.uk/programme">http://www.sdr200.co.uk/programme</a>

	Locomotion, Dale Road Industrial Estate, Shildon, County Durham , DL4 2RE	
1/6/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>S&amp;DR200 - Young Railway Photographer of the Year exhibition at Locomotion</b> The exhibition will feature the winning entries from a competition to find the UK's most promising young railway photographers.	<a href="https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16705/Young-Railway-Photographer-of-the-Year">https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16705/Young-Railway-Photographer-of-the-Year</a>
	Locomotion, Dale Road Industrial Estate, Shildon, County Durham , DL4 2RE	
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>Seaham Seaside Market</b> Seaham Seaside Market is a weekly market held every Friday.	<a href="mailto:stalls@events2gogo.com">stalls@events2gogo.com</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/seahamseasidemarket/">https://www.facebook.com/seahamseasidemarket/</a>  +44 (0)7769 352637
	Church Street, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7HF	
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>Sedgefield Farmers Market</b> The market is run by Sedgefield Development Trust - and is held every first Sunday of the Month, on the village green, from 8.30am to 12.30pm - and includes a free community stall, music tent & health bus. The free stall is available to clubs and societies for promotion or fundraising.	<a href="mailto:roger@clubleys.co.uk">roger@clubleys.co.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.sedgefield-farmersmarket.co.uk">http://www.sedgefield-farmersmarket.co.uk</a>  +44 01740 620609
	Village Green, Sedgefield, County Durham, TS21 2AB	
1/5/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>Sensory Packs - The Bowes Museum</b> To ensure everyone can fully enjoy their museum experience, we've collaborated with three local schools from across County Durham to create new sensory packs designed to enhance your visit. Please ask at Reception if you would like to borrow a sensory park and please return this at the end of your visit for others to use.	<a href="mailto:hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk">hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk</a>  <a href="https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/">https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/</a>  +44 01833690606
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>Stanley Market</b> Stroll through the stalls, savour delicious local treats, and soak up the friendly atmosphere. Every Thursday and Saturday 8.00-16:00	<a href="mailto:ehcp@durham.gov.uk">ehcp@durham.gov.uk</a>  <a href="https://www.durham.gov.uk/markets">https://www.durham.gov.uk/markets</a>  +44 (0)191 373 0220
	Front Street, Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0JE	
4/1/2025 till 3/1/2026	<b>Artist Makers - The Bowes Museum</b> Make time for making; join in and get creative. An opportunity to try out new	<a href="mailto:hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk">hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk</a>

	techniques, materials and experiment with the Museum's team of artists, makers and designers in the Create Space.	<a href="https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/artist-makers/">https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/artist-makers/</a>
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	+44 01833690606
2/1/2025 till 4/1/2026	<b>Spotlight Tour - The Bowes Museum</b> A friendly and informative introduction to an exhibition, the collection or building. Led by The Bowes Museum's team of Visitor Attendants, Curators and Volunteer Tour Guides, join us for an informal 30-minute tour, everyday at 11:00 to find out more.	<a href="mailto:hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk">hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk</a> <a href="https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/spotlight-tour/">https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/spotlight-tour/</a>
	The Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	+44 01833 690606
2/1/2025 till 8/1/2026	<b>Stay and Play - The Bowes Museum</b> Time for The Bowes' youngest visitors to explore and play in the Conversation Gallery, investigate materials and be creative in this self-led, free-play session.	<a href="mailto:hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk">hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk</a> <a href="https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/stay-and-play/">https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/stay-and-play/</a>
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	+44 01833 690606
25/5/2025 till 26/1/2026	<b>S&amp;DR200 - All Change</b> Through authentic voices from letters, diaries, court papers, and other day-to-day records from their collections, The Story will uncover the impact of the Stockton & Darlington Railway on the socio-economic fabric of the region.	<a href="https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16714/All-Change">https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16714/All-Change</a>
	The Story, Mount Oswald, South Road, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 3TQ	
12/2/2025 till 31/1/2026	<b>The Stick Man Trail at Hamsterley Forest</b> Families can join a new forest adventure as the much-loved character Stick Man, based on the beautiful picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, returns to Forestry England Hamsterley.	<a href="https://www.forestryengland.uk/hamsterley-forest/the-stick-man-trail-hamsterley-forest?utm_source=social&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_campaign=stick-man&amp;utm_content=hamsterley">https://www.forestryengland.uk/hamsterley-forest/the-stick-man-trail-hamsterley-forest?utm_source=social&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_campaign=stick-man&amp;utm_content=hamsterley</a>
	Hamsterley Forest , Redford, Hamsterley, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL13 3NL	+44 01388 488312
22/3/2025 till 31/3/2026	<b>Joséphine, A Woman of Taste and Fashion - The Bowes Museum</b> Discover the timeless elegance, craftsmanship and innovation of Joséphine Bowes' textile collection.	<a href="mailto:hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk">hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk</a> <a href="https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/josephine-a-woman-of-taste-and-fashion/">https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/josephine-a-woman-of-taste-and-fashion/</a>



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